

CETAF COST-Action Proposal:

MOBILISE: Mobilising data, policies and experts in scientific collections

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Structure of a COST Action

- Duration: 4 years
- Average budget: 500.000 €, depends on the number of activities and the number of participants
- Governing structure with chair, vice chair, management committee, working group leaders
- MOBILISE as CETAF effort: 37 proposers from 17 countries

Main Aim

Build up a cooperative, inclusive, bottom-up and quickly responsive network in Europe to support research activity for biodiversity informatics

Caveat:

COST: Funding of Network activities ONLY, no funding of research and development of tools!

Scope of MOBILISE

- Facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technology between researchers, domain specialists, data aggregators and industry by networking activities, events, workshops and trainings (“**Open to the world**”)
- Promote and coordinate the development of innovative techniques to increase efficiency of large scale collection digitisation and mobilisation (“**Open innovation**”)
- Raise awareness about the need in science and society that, apart from physical access, sustainable data access infrastructures are an integral component of biodiversity research (“**Open access**”)

Working Groups

WG1: **Assessment** of existing systems and standards

WG2: Development of Standards and Guidelines for **Data gathering and large-scale digitisation** of collection objects

WG3: New Concepts and Standards for **Data management** (Content, curation, quality management, technical framework, documentation)

WG4: Development of Standards and Guidelines for **Data Archiving and long-term preservation** (content, curation, technical, documentation)

WG5: Development of Standards and Guidelines for **Data publication** (portals, publishers)

WG 6: **Education and Training, Dissemination and Outreach**

Timelines

- Submission via eCOST: collection date **Dec 7, 2016**
- Evaluation period: 6 months (Decision expected for **June 2017**)
- Prospective Start of the Action: **Fall 2018**

Useful links:

- http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call
- Submission and Approval Guidelines for 2016:
<http://www.cost.eu/module/download/59122>
- Questions and comments to:
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